

WILSON REPLIES TO ATTACK ON HIS STANDING

John H. Wilson wishes to demur to the two reasons given by the Advertiser, editorially, why his bid for the belt road contract now pending, although the lowest, should be rejected in favor of the Lord-Young bid. One of the reasons in question is in the form of an insinuation that Wilson would give trouble involving legal expenses, and the other that the price named in his bid, lowest of all, is more than the county can stand.

"The cost part," Wilson said this morning, "should have been determined before they called for bids, putting contractors to the expense and trouble of figuring."

"Besides, I consider the cost is not unduly high for the nature of the job. John Emmeluth had a contract two years ago to build 5000 feet of the belt road for \$15,240—the Kahana contract—and the extras were about \$500, making the total cost \$15,740. That road was not oiled and not even macadamized."

"This piece does not signify that the rest of the belt road is going to cost proportion. They are just pointing out the worst spots on the road to do first."

"The Patterson contract let the other day on Maui was for 10,000 feet and the price was \$54,000, or practically \$18,000 a mile, and that simply for grading."

"I have had fifteen years' experience in road building in Hawaii, and have made roads a specialty. During that time I built the Pali road for

\$37,500, which everybody knows was done in time; the Kaena Point railroad section for \$29,000; the Pioneer Mill railroad at Lahaina for \$20,000; the road from Laupahoehoe to Papaia, Hawaii, for \$12,000; the road from Papaia to Honohina for \$40,000; the Nahiku homesteads road for \$20,000, and the Keanae trail on Maui for \$34,000.

"The only loss I have had was on the sewer outfall contract in Honolulu. That contract was taken from me on account of its not being finished in time. The city had been in quarantine for three months owing to bubonic plague, depriving me of my men. The government took it from me to do by day work, but itself could not even complete it, although expending \$50,000 and employing two other private firms."

"As to trouble on Kauai I finished my first division, which was three miles long, but the county refused to pay me my 25 per cent that had been retained. The work was finished anyway and the Kauai people did not lose a cent, neither did my bondsmen."

"You know of my experience on this island. The Advertiser advocates giving this belt road contract to a firm that has had no experience in road building although its bid is higher than mine. This I consider an attempt to influence the commission unduly."

"I am prepared to swing the contract, having sufficient backing to see it through."

School Congestion Being Relieved In Rapid Order

"We received a large consignment of seats by the Sierra," said Superintendent of Public Instruction Pope, this morning. "These seats were cabled for, and they are intended to help out at the different schools, where seating accommodation is short. As soon as I learned that the sum of \$13,200 was available for the purpose of providing furniture for the schools, I cabled for a shipment of seats. More will be coming along on the next steamer from the Coast, and before long there should be plenty of seats for all the schools."

According to Superintendent Pope, the congested state of the schools is being relieved rapidly and soon all will be normal again. The schools will also be provided with many new books for their libraries, and, from time to time, shipments will be coming along from the mainland.

On Saturday next there will be a meeting of all the supervising principals of the schools of the Territory, at which matters of much importance

will be taken up. Seventeen principals in all will attend the meeting, and the work of grading the teachers will be taken up.

The superintendent reports that the shortage of supplies and furniture, that was said to exist at the Lanai school, has been made good from the Maui district, where the regular stock was drawn upon.

The sum of \$6300 is to be spent on new library books and each school will get its share. When the department of public instruction is housed in the Hawaiian Board building, on Alakea and Merchant streets, there will be ample store room in which books and furniture can be kept.

As soon as Doctor Victor Clark and his staff leave the Hawaiian Board building, and move down to the new Immigrant Station, the department of public instruction will be located in the present offices of Doctor Clark. This change will probably be made in November, and then the old offices of the instruction department will be demolished.

Big Claims Made For Low Assessed Lands

Governor Frear remarked this morning that the Bishop street extension would be discussed at a conference this afternoon.

"There is a great difference," the Governor said, "between the assessed value of some of the land to be acquired, and the claim now made for it. In one instance, land is assessed at \$200, and yet a claim for \$10,000 has been made for it. On the average the claims are about four times as much as the assessed value."

At the conference this afternoon, a general discussion of the matter will be held, and a rough estimate of what the parts of the street could be sold for to offset the claims will be made.

This afternoon, the Oahu tunnel scheme will also be discussed, and the Governor thinks that it is possible for some decision to be come to. In talking of the trip made by himself and a party, yesterday, the chief executive said that the watershed visited is a beautiful place, and that the

spot where most of the water emerges is just above a big ledge of rock that extends for some considerable distance. A short distance farther above, there is no water, and this fact points to subterranean supplies, which ooze from the earth just mauka of the rock ledge.

Attorney-General Lindsay, in speaking on the subject of the water rights, said that while, undoubtedly, a lot of water originated on government land and could be diverted by a tunnel through the mountain, there was still much water which started on McCandless' property and became a much larger body, as it flowed down the water courses. It is this fact that makes the hydrographers think that the subterranean waters, that will be tapped by the tunnel, may be diverted from McCandless' proper rights.

The whole matter will be gone into thoroughly, and the law points will

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WIDE INTEREST IN THE STAR'S CONTEST

The Star's announcement of a subscription and voting contest on Saturday afternoon aroused great interest in many circles, and this morning there were numerous inquiries of the contest manager concerning the plans. The offer of a prize of \$750 in gold coin makes the contest an unusual one. The offer is a most liberal one. The other prizes are also on a liberal scale, and the contest is to be

so arranged that the hard workers are all sure to get something for their efforts.

In a few days an announcement will be made giving complete details of the rules of the contest. Then the candidates may begin their plans for the grand opening of the contest, which will occur on October 20, when a list of the candidates will be published.

GUN PACKER RECEIVES HIS

J. P. Hussey, the would-be gun man, who shot himself in the hip yesterday in "Phoney" Davis' resort, is doing as well as can be expected in Queen's Hospital.

While under the influence of liquor last night Hussey boasted that he would bore a hole in anyone who interfered with him. To emphasize his remarks he banged the gun on the table with the happy result that a cartridge exploded and the bullet entered Hussey's hip.

Hussey is the man who served time for shooting a Japanese man at Iwili during the last visit of the fleet. He was a sailor aboard one of the cruisers and fired through the door of the Japanese man's house.

Twice recently he has been under investigation for pulling a gun in a public place and threatening to shoot someone and only recently was fined for a similar offense.

Despite these facts he has gone on

CAMPBELL NOT HEARD FROM YET

Dr. Clark, head of the immigration bureau, does not expect to hear from Special Agent Campbell for a few days more. "Sometime between now and the 15th of the month a cable should reach Honolulu from Campbell," said Dr. Clark this morning.

The Willesden, which is bringing the immigrants to Hawaii, will call at several ports to pick up the laborers. The exact places of call are not at present known, but, besides the mainland ports, it is possible that the Willesden will touch at the Azores.

FEDERAL COURT ACCOUNTS.

The quarterly accounts of U. S. Marshal Hendry, and of Chas. S. Davis, U. S. Commissioner, were this morning approved by Judge Clemons, of the United States District Court.

packing his gun, which is a .38 Colt's, in the old sweet way.

RUMORS POINT TO OTTOMAN CATASTROPHES

The most interesting news in the Sunday and Monday morning dispatches were rumors from Paris that the entire Turkish fleet had been sunk in a conflict with the Italian battleship squadron in the Aegean sea. Constantinople reported and then denied that Italian troops had landed in the city of Preveza, Epirus; and added a rumor that two more Turkish torpedo boats had been sunk. This was followed by cablegrams from the same source, saying that an Italian squadron had entered the port of Muste and taken the garrison prisoners. The Italians had also bombarded the town of Reschardle and the destroyers which had escaped the attack near Preveza. The cabinet has held a meeting at the palace and issued a circular to the powers blaming Italy for forcing war.

London says advices have been received in this city that two Italian cruisers have been sunk. No details are given as to the engagement or battle in which they were destroyed.

Both Germany and Austria are heartily in accord in their condemnation of Italy for the seizure of Tripoli and for forcing war upon Turkey at this time.

It is announced that Turkey was caught utterly unprepared and with only the paltry sum of \$500,000 of war funds available.

The consensus of opinion here is that Turkey will soon quit and make offers of peace at the cost of her last African possession.

Further news from Tripoli was that the Turkish troops were evacuating the city and would make their resistance in the desert.

HEAVY TURKISH REVERSES RUMORED.

(Associated Press Cables to The Star.)

LONDON, Oct. 2.—It is reported that two Turkish torpedo boats were sunk and one captured off Gumenitza and that a Turkish transport with ten officers and 180 men were captured near Taranto.

HAVE FORTS BEEN DESTROYED.

There are conflicting reports from Tripoli. It is believed the forts have been destroyed and the Turkish fleet scattered.

Bryan Toasts Taft

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 2.—Wm. J. Bryan toasted President Taft today at luncheon.

The Strike Situation

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—There was a slight riot today in the Illinois Central shops, but all is quiet now and the situation has not changed elsewhere.

Freighter in Fatal Collision

LONDON, Oct. 2.—The freighter Halelad has been sunk in collision and twenty drowned.

Eight Millions Loss

AUSTIN, Pa., Oct. 2.—The loss from the dam breakage is \$8,000,000. It is hoped that the census will show a loss of not more than 200 dead.

Entombed Miners Rescued

FAIRBANKS, Oct. 2.—Fourteen miners entombed for 84 hours have been rescued.

Madero Unanimous Choice

CITY OF MEXICO, Oct. 2.—It is indicated that Madero is virtually the unanimous choice for president. The vice-presidency is doubtful and the incumbent may possibly have to be elected by Congress.

Great North Sea Storm

ANTWERP, Oct. 2.—There are twenty-four coasters ashore. Fifty small craft were sunk in a storm in the North Sea. Many were drowned.

Admiral Schley Dead

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Rear Admiral Schley, U. S. N., today fell dead of apoplexy in the street.

Winfield Scott Schley, naval officer; b. nr. Frederick City, Md., Oct. 9, 1839; s. John Thomas and Georgianna Virginia S.; apptd. to U. S. Naval Acad. from Md., 1856, grad. 1860; m. Sept. 10, 1863, Annie R. Franklin, of Annapolis, Md. Promoted midshipman, June 15, 1860; master, Aug. 31, 1861; lt., July 16, 1862; lt. comdr., July 25, 1866; comdr., June 10, 1874; capt., Mar. 31, 1888; commodore, Feb. 6, 1898; rear admiral, Mar. 3, 1899. Served on Niagara, 1860-1; Keystone State, 1861; Potomac, store-ship, at Ship Island, 1861-2; Winona, (W. Gulf Blockading Squadron, 1862-3; participated in engagement with a battery near Port Hudson, Dec. 14, 1862; all engagements which led to capture of Port Hudson, Mar.-July, 1863; served on Wateree, Pacific Squadron, 1861-6; on duty Naval Acad., 1866-9, 1872-3; served on Benicia, 1869-72; participated in attack on Salce River forts in Korea, 1871; comd. Essex, 1876-9; light-house insp., 2d dist., 1880-3; comd. Thetis and Greely exp'n, 1884, and rescued Lt. Greely and 6 survivors at Cape Sabine, for which was awarded a gold watch and a vote of thanks of Md. legislature and gold medal from Mass. Humane Soc.; chief Bureau of Equipment and Repair, 1884-9; comd. Baltimore, 1889-92; mem. B'd Inspection and Survey, 1896-7; chmn. Light-House B'd, 1897-8; during war with Spain comd. Flying Squadron, 1898-1901; retired, Oct. 9, 1901. Presented with gold sword by people of Pa., a silver sword by Royal Arcanum, a gold and jeweled medal with the thanks of Md. Legislature, a silver service, etc., for services at battle of Santiago. Author, The Rescue of Greely, 1885; Forty-Five Years Under the Flag, 1904. Address: Navy Department, Washington.

SANITARY WORK IS PROGRESSING

According to Doctor Pratt, president of the Board of Health, the work of the Sanitary Commission is progressing favorably. The Kaimuki suburb is being inspected at present and, already, Part I, District 9, is almost completed. The inspectors are examining as to cubic air space, rats, mosquitoes and other unpleasant features—if they exist.

As soon as Part I—Kaimuki—is finished, Part 2 will be inspected and, in this way, it is expected that the whole district will soon be got through with.

Food Commissioner Blanchard left this morning for his honeymoon trip. He will be away about one week. During his absence Inspector Myhre is going ahead with the census of the Honolulu dairies, and this important matter is being rushed as much as possible.

To Operate Incinerator

The municipal board will start the incinerator at Kakaako burning garbage again, after its lying idle since the first county board abandoned its operation, tomorrow.

Charles Costa will be put in charge of the plant, which will be run day and night with three shifts of three men each. It is estimated the cost of operation will be \$600 a month.

KALIHI PEOPLE ENTERPRISING

Superintendent of Public Works Marston Campbell this morning received a letter from the secretary of the Kalihi Improvement Club and in it the organization asked that it be allowed to build two waiting rooms for the accommodation of the people who travel by the Rapid Transit cars.

A CONTRADICTION IS CONTRADICTED

Notwithstanding the Chinese consul-general's denial in the morning paper of the report published in the Star last Saturday to the effect that the recent edict allowing Chinese to discard their queues had been withdrawn during the past, most well informed local Chinese reiterate the statement that the first report is correct.

The president of the United Chinese Society states that it is true that the edict has been withdrawn and that the reasons therefor are as stated in Saturday's report. While the consul-general undoubtedly is fully conversant with the matter, still, as a government employee, it would not be good policy for him to acknowledge the truth of the report, as that would mean to acknowledge the imperial opposition to reform and a recognition of the fact that rebellion is rife in the empire, say Chinese interviewed on the subject.

Hilo Honker Fined Twice

(Special Wireless to The Star.)

HILO, Oct. 2.—Head Machinist Ruddle of the Volcano Stables was fined last week for not honking when passing corners with his automobile. On Thursday night Ruddle, as if to make up for lost noise, ran his machine around town and kept up a continual honking with a Jericho horn. He was arrested and on Saturday fined for common nuisance.

It is proposed to erect one shed on the mauka corner of King and Kalihi streets. Another waiting room would be built on the Waikiki corner of King street and Gulick avenue.

Marston Campbell said this morning that he would favor the proposal to build the waiting rooms and that, as far as the Territory went, he would grant the request for the right to erect the sheds over a part of the sidewalk.

Fine Job Printing, Star Offc.